

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GIBSON CITY
Monday, March 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Daniel E. Dickey.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Nelda Jordan.

Roll Call:

Ward #1	Barb Yergler, present; Brandon Roderick, present
Ward #2	Jan Hall, present; Nelda Jordan, present
Ward #3	John Carlson, present; Scott Davis, present
Ward #4	Dennis Pardick, present; Laura Miller, present
Jr Alderman Jessalyn Davis, present	

Others present: City Attorney Marc Miller, Admin.Assistant Peg Stalter, Police Chief Steve Cushman, Jeanne Noellsch (Ford County Record/News Gazette), Ross Brown (WGKY), City Superintendent Randy Stauffer, Gary Lutterbie. Jacob Brewer (Eagle Scout Troop 29) and Lori Patton, Tucker Plumstead (National Healthcare Capital, LLC), Daton Getty, and Kristin Salyards (GAHHS).

Approval of Council Minutes: Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the minutes of February 22, 2016; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. MC 8-0.

Mayor Dickey recognized visitors: Kristin Salyards of GAHHS, requested permission to use the usual route for a 5K to be held on May 7th beginning at 8am. The event is co-sponsored by GAHHS and Chose 2 Change Fitness Club. Council approved the request with the suggestion to partner with Chief Cushman and Randy Stauffer on the set up.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Administrative Report: Admin Assistant Peg Stalter offered no report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ordinance Committee –Alderman Jan Hall offered no report. She reported that residents are leaving furniture on the city curbs, leaving an unsightly appearance and clarified that this is not allowed, as it violates an ordinance for rodent control, and encouraged residents to dispose of their unwanted furniture.

Street and Alley – Alderman John Carlson offered no report. A request has been received from Tina Whitehouse, requesting signage on Pine and 9th Street alerting drivers to slow down in that area. Mrs. Whitehouse has an autistic child and is concerned of vehicles speeding in that area. Aldermen Barb Yergler and Brandon Roderick will work with Randy on placement of signs in that area.

Police/Health, Light and Nuisance – Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Chief Cushman reported that his department's budget is being prepared for Wednesday's deadline.

Finance Committee – Alderman Scott Davis offered no report.

Personnel Committee – Alderman Dennis Pardick offered no report.

Water and Sewer – Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Parks and Buildings –Alderman Barb Yergler reported on the Monday, February 29 at McMillen Field. . The concession window needs repair, as well as the ceiling and floor. The restrooms also need painting. The GCMS shop class is planning to build a new shed.

Economic and Industrial Development – Alderman Laura Miller reported meeting with Tom and Jeff Mueller who want to purchase approx.10 acres at Jordan Park for a proposed truck wash.

CDAP –Admin Assist Peg Stalter reported a current balance of \$126,875.89.

Pool Board –Alderman Barb Yergler offered no report.

Recycling Board– Alderman Nelda Jordan offered no report.

Downtown Committee – Alderman Barb Yergler reported that advertising for bids has begun.

Public Recreation/Fishing Committee- Alderman Brandon Roderick offered no report. Volunteer Chairman Gary Lutterbie thanked the city for installing a dozier valve to raise the level of the pond. He also reported that Strebeck Salvage will donate material valued at \$920.00 at no cost for the placement of a foot bridge at the site, with an estimated additional cost of \$2120.00 for the bridge. Volunteers and the city crew will provide the labor. Current plans are to hold a fishing derby on its opening day of May 15th, with the pond committee providing food. Future plans involve erecting a 30'x40' pavilion at the site. The next committee meeting will be held March 15th.

OLD BUSINESS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

TIF2 bills: Two (2) TIF2 bills for \$2,313.50. Alderman Scott Davis motioned to approve the two (2) TIF2 bills totaling \$2,313.50; seconded by Alderman Dennis Pardick. No discussion. Alderman John Carlson abstained stating he owns property in the TIF. MC 7-0-1 abstain

General Bills totaling \$85,307.34. Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve the general bills totaling \$85,307.34; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick.MC 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A.) Public hearing for Gibson Area Hospital & Health Services.** Tucker Plumstead reported that plans are to refinance \$9.5 million and add \$4.85 million for improvements, the plan is bank certified and the city is not involved in the debt. No action was needed with plans to return to Council at a future date.
- B.) Consideration to proceed with the construction for the CSO Phase 3A and approve change order 1.** Randy Stauffer reported that a 'check valve' needs to be placed in this construction to prevent backflow. Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve the change order low bid of Opperman Construction of Pontiac for \$5000.00; seconded by Alderman Laura Miller. MC 8-0.
- C.) Discussion concerning committee meetings.** City Attorney Marc Miller led a discussion on how best for the council's committee meetings to meet the requirements of the Illinois Open Meeting Act, assuring the council that there have been no issues to date. He cautioned members against discussing city business in more a 1 to 1 setting outside of official meetings, discussed how members should conduct committee meetings council members not on the committee sitting in the public area and not at the meeting table, agendas should be as detailed as possible to give the public a better idea of the committee's business using language to allow spontaneous discussion of other needs that may arise. The majority of council members felt that since committee minutes are regularly reviewed at council meetings, which should suffice, rather than approving minutes at each committee meeting. At the end of the discussion, the council agreed to follow Mr. Miller's recommendation. No further action was taken.
- D.) Consideration for Jake Brewer's request of \$600.00 to build an information board, 2 picnic tables and 3 backless benches for the fishing pond.** Alderman Laura Miller motioned to approve \$600.00 from TIF2 for Jake Brewer's project; seconded by Alderman Scott Davis. MC 7-0 / 1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained, stating he owns property in the TIF.
- E.) Consideration to stock the fishing ponds for \$300.00** Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to approve \$300.00 to stock the fishing pond with fish; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. MC-7-0 /1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained, stating he owns property in the TIF.
- F.) Consideration to hire Phoenix Consulting Services, LTD, of Mahomet, to survey the fishing pond.** This topic died because of lack of motion.
- G.) Consideration to advertise for the FY2017 park and buildings cleaning contract.** Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to run ads soliciting bids for the FY2017 parks and buildings cleaning contract, to be run in Ford County Record on March 23rd and March 30th, with sealed bids due at the City office on April 6th to be opened at the April 11th Council meeting by the chairman; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- H.) Consideration to advertise for the 2016 mowing season.** Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to place ads in the Ford County Record for March 23rd and March 30 to solicit bids for the 2016 Mowing Season, with bids due in the City office by April 6th; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 8-0.
- I.) Consideration of McMillen field concession stand/ restroom improvements.** Bids for this work were received from Roger Gerth and Farmer Electric for electric, and John Bell, Darryl May and Jerry Wright for plumbing. Alderman Barb Yergler motioned to accept Roger Gerth's low electrical bid of \$2,725.00 and John Bell's low plumbing bid of \$1,449.00 to be paid out of TIF2; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. MC 7-0-1 abstain. Alderman John Carlson abstained, stating he owns property in the TIF.
- J.) Consideration of electric rate contract.** Alderman Barb Yergler will call a committee meeting to discuss this matter after obtaining bids for city electrical service providers.
- K.) Consideration of Mary 14, 2016 for City-Wide Clean-Up Day.** Alderman John Carlson motioned to approve May 14, 2016 as City-Wide Clean-Up Day; seconded by Alderman Jan Hall. Motioned was carried with 8 ayes/ no objections.

Announcements: None.

ADJOURN: Alderman Dennis Pardick motioned to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Brandon Roderick. Council was poled with 8 ayes/ 0 objections.

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